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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

AMERICA'S ENTRY.

House of Representatives Favours War.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the House of Representatives has passed a resolution in favour of war.

Lady Representative Overcome.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the House of Representatives passed a resolution in favour of war by 373 against 59.

Miss Rankin did not answer the first roll call, but sat with bowed head. She rose at the second call, and said sobbingly:—"I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war."
Cries of "Vote, vote" were heard from all parts of the House.

Finally Miss Rankin sank into her seat and was recorded as voting in the negative.

For German Consumption.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says the German newspapers have published a heavily-censored version of President Wilson's speech. His references to the activities of German spies in the United States and his remarks pertaining to Germany's efforts to stir up Mexico are notably suppressed and the denunciation of autocrats much toned down.

French Joy.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, President Poincaré has sent a message to President Wilson in which he refers to "the joy and pride with which the French nation again feels their hearts beating in unison with yours." He says:—"The war could not have attained its full significance if the United States had not been led by the enemy himself to participate."

The Chamber and the Senate were crowded to listen to the tributes of the Chairmen, MM. Doumergue and Dubouché, and the Premier, M. Ribot, whose eloquent orations have been placarded throughout France.

The Municipality of Paris ordered that President Wilson's speech shall be published in book form and distributed to all the school children.

Huge War Appropriations.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Executive Departments have requested Congress for the immediate appropriation of three billion, four hundred million dollars for the Army and Navy, of which over two billion, nine hundred and thirty millions are for the Army.

Austria's Attitude.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Vienna message says that the Austrian Ambassador has been instructed to demand passports if Congress ratified the state of the war against Germany.

A "Diplomatic Denial."

London, April 6.
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Lansing denied the statement made by a member of the Foreign Relations Committee concerning Herr Zimmermann's vote (mentioned in our earlier telegrams), but the latter reiterated that his information was correct, and said that Mr. Lansing's denial was diplomatic in the interest of good relations with Mexico.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

Heavy Norwegian Losses.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Christiania, forty-one Norwegian vessels were torpedoed in February. Fourteen of the crews were killed and 22 are missing. Sixty-four vessels were torpedoed in March, when 46 were killed and 100 are missing.

Brazilian Liner Sunk.

London, April 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Obergurg, the Brazilian liner, Parana, has been sunk. Thirteen of the crew are missing. According to Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro, the Foreign Minister, referring to the above, stated that Brazil had been prudent in the past, but all the world should see that she could be firm.

A Sole Survivor.

London, April 6.
A water-logged boat has been picked up on the ocean with a single occupant, who was unconscious. He was a carpenter on a British barque, and he told a terrible tale of suffering. After leaving the submerged barque in a boat with twelve occupants, it capsized in a gale. Eight went to the bottom and the boat righted itself, but again capsized. One more it was righted, but seven died successively in the course of the following twenty-four hours from exposure.

AERIAL RAID ON KENTISH COAST.

London, April 6.
The Press Bureau announces that an aeroplane passed over the Kentish coast towns at 12.45 p.m. yesterday and dropped eight bombs. The majority fell on open country, and there were no casualties or damage.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE ADVANCE IN THE WEST.

A Day of Sanguinary Defeats for the Enemy.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that, according to the views of a French expert, no obstacle checks the offensive of the Allied armies, or stops their dash. Yesterday was another day of sanguinary defeats for the enemy, for, despite a desperate defence, the Department of the Somme was entirely freed of the invader. French reconnaissance reached to within 1,500 yards of the gates of St. Quentin.

The Germans attempted big diversions in Argonne and Champagne, especially the latter, where there was every kind of bombardment, and the employment of elite troops, but only an ephemeral success was gained.

Enemy Again Uses Liquid Fire.

London, April 6.
A French communique of yesterday evening, issued to-day, states:—"We silenced vigorous enemy artillery firing north of Les Villiers.

The enemy, using liquid fire, attacked north of Vienne la Chateau, on the western boundary of Argonne. He was repulsed, leaving dead and some prisoners.

A German attack at Saptignat and Godat farm developed on a front of 2,500 metres. The enemy collected numerous selected storming troops, but the attack completely failed.

A German Report.

London, April 6.
A German wireless official message states:—"Four British aeroplanes which reached Douai were chased and all destroyed. Apart from these, the enemy lost eight machines. Three of ours are missing.

Considerable French Progress.

London, April 6.
There has been fairly lively artillery firing during the night, between the Somme and the Oise.

A German counter-attack was stopped dead north of La Folie farm.

We made considerable progress south of the Oise and north of Landricourt.

We made progress by means of grenades and re-occupied fresh portions of the trench north-west of Rheims.

COUNT VON BERNSTORFF.

Reported Appointment to Sweden.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says it is reported that Count von Bernstorff, late German Ambassador to America, will be appointed Minister at Stockholm. This is significant in view of the appointment of a strong Conservative Cabinet in Sweden.

A HELPLESS GERMAN SUBMARINE.

How Norwegian Assistance was Rewarded.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that the Norwegian steamer Nauna, from Cadix, towed a helpless German submarine from the North Sea towards Germany at the request of the latter.

Eight German torpedo boats appeared off the Jutland coast and took the Nauna to Copenhagen, refusing to pilot the boat back through the mine-field.

The Nauna is detained at Hamburg, despite protests by the Norwegian authorities.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

London, April 6.
A French communique from Macedonia states that there is cannonading on the whole front.

British aviators bombed an enemy aerodrome at Hadova.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS' FUNERAL.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that at a national funeral of a hundred and eighty victims of the Revolution, a million civilians and soldiers participated. The factories, shops, schools etc., were closed. The bodies were buried in four corners of a quadrangle space in the centre of the snow-covered Marsovopol Square.

Six huge processions started at different parts of the town in the morning carrying six coffins covered with red.

Crowds sang a hymn to the victims' eternal memory, alternating it with the revolutionary hymn "You fell as victims." Bands played the Marseillaise, and the guns from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul marked the lowering of each coffin into the trench.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Its Development in Jamaica.

London, April 6.
A message from Kingston, Jamaica, states that Sir Francis Watts, Imperial Commissioner for the West Indies, has arrived to submit plans for the development of the sugar industry in Jamaica. In an interview, he stated that the industry was booming in the sister islands. The system of indentured labour should be abolished. Coolie labour should still be employed in the sugar industry, but it should be free labour. A goodly number of time-expired immigrants had settled in different colonies and were earning a good living on the sugar estates.

TELEGRAMS.

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PEACE OFFERS.

Denials by German Papers.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Cologne Gazette and other German papers are now denying that the German Powers are about to make a fresh peace offer. They state that the rumours in connection therewith, which are based on Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech and on Count Oserain's interview, are regrettable.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Heavy Losses Inflicted.

London, April 6.
A Russian official message says:—"In the fighting on the left of the Stockhod on April 3, which ended in our crossing the right bank, the troops defending the bridgehead lost severely. Only a few men out of two regiments reached the right bank. Both commanders were killed. A third regiment lost half of its effectives. Only some hundreds of two other regiments survived.

Alleged Huge German Captures.

London, April 6.
A German wireless official message says:—"During the capture of the bridgehead at Toboly, in the fighting on the Stockhod, we captured 130 officers, 9,500 men, fifteen guns, 250 machine guns and the Vardar Valley. Our airmen blew up extensive munition depots in the Vardar Valley.

Short-lived German Success.

London, April 6.
A Russian wireless official message says:—"After heavy artillery firing, including chemical shells, the Germans occupied a portion of trenches to the east of Plataner, south of the Riga, but were driven out.

Ten Russian aeroplanes bombed railway built north-west of Sviniki.

Our aeroplanes successfully bombed fortifications on the Bosphorus.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN ADVANCE.

Russians and British Join Hands.

London, April 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Russians have joined hands with the British at Kyzilabat.

The Point of Contact.

London, April 6.
A Mesopotamia official message states that the Russian and British detachments established touch on April 2 on the left bank of the Dialar River. The Turks are reported to be re-resting in the direction of Kifri.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA'S WAR DECISION.

Senate Passes Resolution.

Washington, April 6.
The Senate passed the war resolution by 82 votes to 6.

The resolution, which was slightly amended, was passed at eleven in the evening amid awed solemnity and without demonstration.

After thirteen hours' continuous debate was brought to a climax by Senator Williams spiritedly affirming that America should stay in the war until the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs were dethroned and the Turks driven out of Europe.

Senator Husting of Wisconsin, a colleague of Senator La Follette, on deserting the latter stated that if the question "Shall the United States support Wilson?" was submitted to the people they would overwhelmingly affirm it.

The resolution goes to the House of Representatives on the 6th inst.

The Intrigue in Mexico.

Washington, April 6.
In the course of the debate on the war resolution, which has opened in the House of Representatives, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee declared that it was not established that a paragraph in Herr Zimmermann's note offered to establish submarine bases in Mexican ports to supply Mexico with arms and ammunition, and German reserves to Mexico and arrange an attack all along the border.

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AMERICA'S WAR DECISION.

Additional Revenue.

London, April 6.
A telegram from New York says it is expected that an additional revenue of 1,000 millions sterling for the United States and the Allies will be raised before the end of the year.

A Plain Hint.

London, April 5.
"Vorwaerts" referring to America's entry into the war, says: In order to enable Germany to fulfil the heavy task of emerging from the war unbroken, German statesmen must plainly prove that Germany is neither autocratically governed nor warring for conquest.

More Enemy Polting.

New York, April 5.
Two Mexicans have been arrested at Brooklyn as spies. German agents are working in the southern States stirring up the negroes on the plantations.

How the Allies Will Benefit.

London, April 6.
Apart from benefiting by the 600,000 tons of German shipping in American ports the Allies will profit by the huge development of American shipbuilding. There are seven times the tonnage now building compared with the total output of 1914.

Great orders were recently placed in the United States for building Great Britain.

TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."

KAISER REPORTED FATALLY ILL.

London, April 6.
The Washington correspondent of the "Morning Post" reports that American financiers with German connections are responsible for the report that the Kaiser is fatally ill of Bright's disease.

WORLD'S FOOD SHORTAGE.

Worse Than Expected.

Rome, April 5.
The American representative of the Institute of Agriculture states that the world's food situation is worse than was expected in October. America must help to relieve the Allies. He has urged President Wilson to mobilise agriculture.

Swiss Measures.

Berne, April 5.
Bread tickets are to be issued in Switzerland on May 1st.

Argentina's Surplus.

Buenos Aires, April 5.
The officials here expect that one hundred thousand tons of corn will be available for export after the needs of the country have been satisfied.

Starving Swedish Seamen.

Copenhagen, April 5.
As a result of the German submarine warfare, seamen have been discharged wholesale in Swedish ports. Many are starving. Numbers have been sent to work in the Control of British Bread-stuffs.

London, April 6.

The Food Controller has proposed in the Cabinet that the price of wheat be immediately fixed at a substantially lower price than at present and that the price of bread be fixed on the basis of the new price of wheat. He also proposed that the Government should entirely control all bread-stuffs in the country.

General Lyautey's Appointment.

Paris, April 6.
General Lyautey, who recently resigned office as Minister for War, has been appointed Resident-General of Morocco.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS' LOYALTY.

Petrograd, April 5.
The Union of Republican Soldiers has resolved to support the Government most vigorously in the continuance of the war and until a durable peace assures the safety of the Russian Republic.

THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

London, April 5.
The newspapers state that the medical re-examination bill will not go far in providing an additional half-million men. It is increasingly clear that resort must be made to men over 41. It is suggested that these should be formed into battalions to work or fight at home, releasing young badged men for service in the field.

The newspapers welcome General Sir William Robertson's plain speaking and say there is no doubt the nation will respond all the better for knowing the truth.

They point out that the British troops have already proved their ability to break any line the Germans can create. If the nation provides the additional men, our superiority will grow till the enemy cracks.

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TO-DAY.
Paul Delsant Concert.—Theatre Royal; 9.15 p.m.
Clarke's Circus, Kowloon.—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre.—9.15 p.m.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Chinese Immigrants to North

Manchuria.
As the immigration of Chinese
coolies is going on in full swing,
about 1,000 of them are arriving
at Changchun and Kvanhongtsu
daily. The Chinese Eastern
Railway has been advised to
attach three 3rd. class passenger
cars to the daily passenger train.

A Warning Unheeded.
Mr. Octavius Beale of Sydney,
lecturing in the London School of
Economics, said he had frequent-
ly warned Australian Administrations
that the Australian lead
exported to Germany would be
returned to Australia's sons in
the shape of bullets, but his
warnings had not been heeded.

New British and Japanese

Privileges at Harbin.
The British and Japanese re-
sidents at Harbin have been
advised the eligibility to the
Municipal Council in return for
the recognition of Russia's ad-
ministrative authority in the
Chinese Eastern Railway Area by
the British and Japanese Govern-
ments.

The F.M.S. and Alienation of

Land.
The Times of Malaya is offi-
cially informed that the High
Commissioner is in correspond-
ence with the Secretary of State
for the Colonies on the subject of
the alienation of State land to
foreigners, and that until he
receives further instructions from
the Secretary of State on the
matter no land of an area of fifty
acres or over can be alienated to
any one unless he is a British
subject or a subject of the Rulers
of the Federated Malay States.

"Open Letter" to Mr. Wilson.
Sir George Oake, the Home
Secretary stated in the House
recently that the "open letter"
from Mr. Bertrand Russell to
President Wilson, published in
an American paper, appeared to
have been conveyed to America
by a confidential agent in order to
avoid the British censorship. Mr.
Russell apparently had acted
contrary to the Defence of the
Realm Regulations, but he doubt-
ed whether the American public
would attach any importance to
the injurious statements obtained
in the letter, and therefore he
did not think a prosecution desir-
able.

Coroner and Trade Unions.
At an inquest on a railway
goods porter at the City Coroner's
Court last month, Dr. Waldo
protested against Mr. William
Carlier, an organizing secretary of
the National Union of Railway-
men, appearing for several of the
witnesses. The coroner said he
must put his foot down. No
lawyer would be allowed to appear
for two or three divergent in-
terests. Mr. Carlier: "I do not
think it is fair to our organization
for you to take up this attitude."
The Coroner: "I am not against
trade unions. Mr. Carlier, I think
you are the strongest trade union
in the country; both law and
medicine have the strongest trade
unions. The Coroner: I have
never heard of a trade union for
the medical profession."

V. C. for Airman.
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attacked at an altitude of 9,000
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and the machine set on fire.
Enveloped in flames, which his
observers, Lieut. Gower, was
unable to subdue, this very
valiant soldier succeeded in
bringing his aeroplane back
to our lines, and, though he made
a successful landing, the machine
collapsed on touching the ground,
pinning him beneath wreckage
from which he was subsequently
released. Though suffering ex-
treme tortures from burns, Sgt.
Mottershead showed the most
conspicuous presence of mind in
the careful selection of a landing
place, and his wonderful endur-
ance and fortitude undoubtedly
saved the life of his observer. He
has been recommended for his
injuries.

GENERAL NEWS.

Slam Currency Notes.

The value of the Government Currency Notes in circulation at the end of February is certified to have been Ticals 47,893,420. As compared with the amount in circulation at the end of January this was a decrease of Ticals 103,160. Of the total Ticals 24,050,450 was retained in silver at the head office, and the balance was invested. The amount invested was increased by Ticals 1,300,000.

Copper Cash Question Settled.

Tientsin, March 22.—An agreement was arrived at between Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister to Peking, and Mil. Commander Chang, of Shantung, to the effect that transactions in copper cash should be permitted to be continued according to the existing practice for two months from March 29, and that for further dealings some arrangement should be made with Japanese Consul Hayashi at Tientsin.

Chinese Senate and Opium.

Peking, March 29.—The Senate today, by 120 votes to 24, passed a resolution regarding the opium deal similar to that passed by the Lower House. The combined decision of both Houses will be presented forthwith to the Government and must lead, according to Chinese views, to the cancellation of the agreement. The Senate also decided that the nomination of Lu Cheng-hsiang to the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, having already been rejected by Parliament, cannot again be put forward this session. Dr. Wu Ting-fang may therefore retain office until the arrival of W. W. Yen from Berlin, as he is a probable candidate.

Smuggling of Narcotics into India.

The recommendation of Mr. Mutsaers (Japanese Consul at Bombay) sent to the Foreign Office, Tokyo, has been transmitted to the Marine Office, Dairen, to exercise due care to prevent all attempts at smuggling narcotics on the part of the lower-class members of a Japanese ship's crew visiting India, says the *Manchu Daily News*. It was mentioned in the same report that two Japanese on board the Tientsin Maru who had been caught in the act of smuggling cocaine on January 16 last had been sentenced to 3 years and one year's penal servitude, and that the examination of the British authorities had become more strict since, adding that the inspection of Japanese travellers' baggage and the prohibition of the Japanese ships' crews might possibly be inaugurated.

Japanese Boots for Russia.

Boot manufacturers in Japan have been placed in a serious predicament owing to the failure of Russian war orders, in expectation of which, it is reported, they had manufactured a large quantity of boots. According to the Japanese papers, an arrangement is now under negotiation whereby the Russian Government is to buy the boots thus already manufactured, numbering 700,000 pairs (at Y.9.50 per pair) for Y.6,650,000. This purchase is to be paid for by means other than the issue of Russian Treasury Bills in Japan, and a formal contract is to be signed as soon as some further particulars regarding the method of payment are agreed upon.

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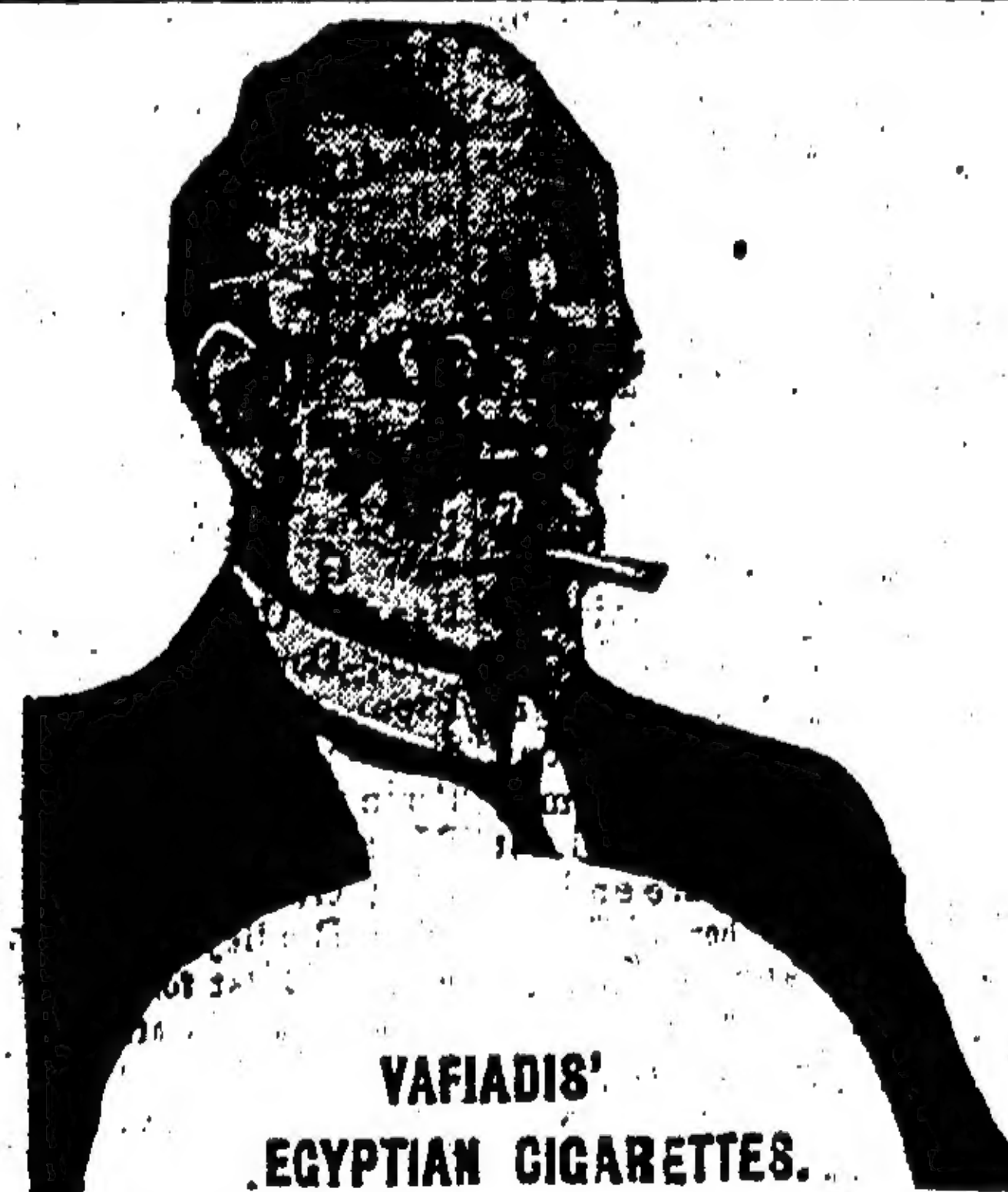
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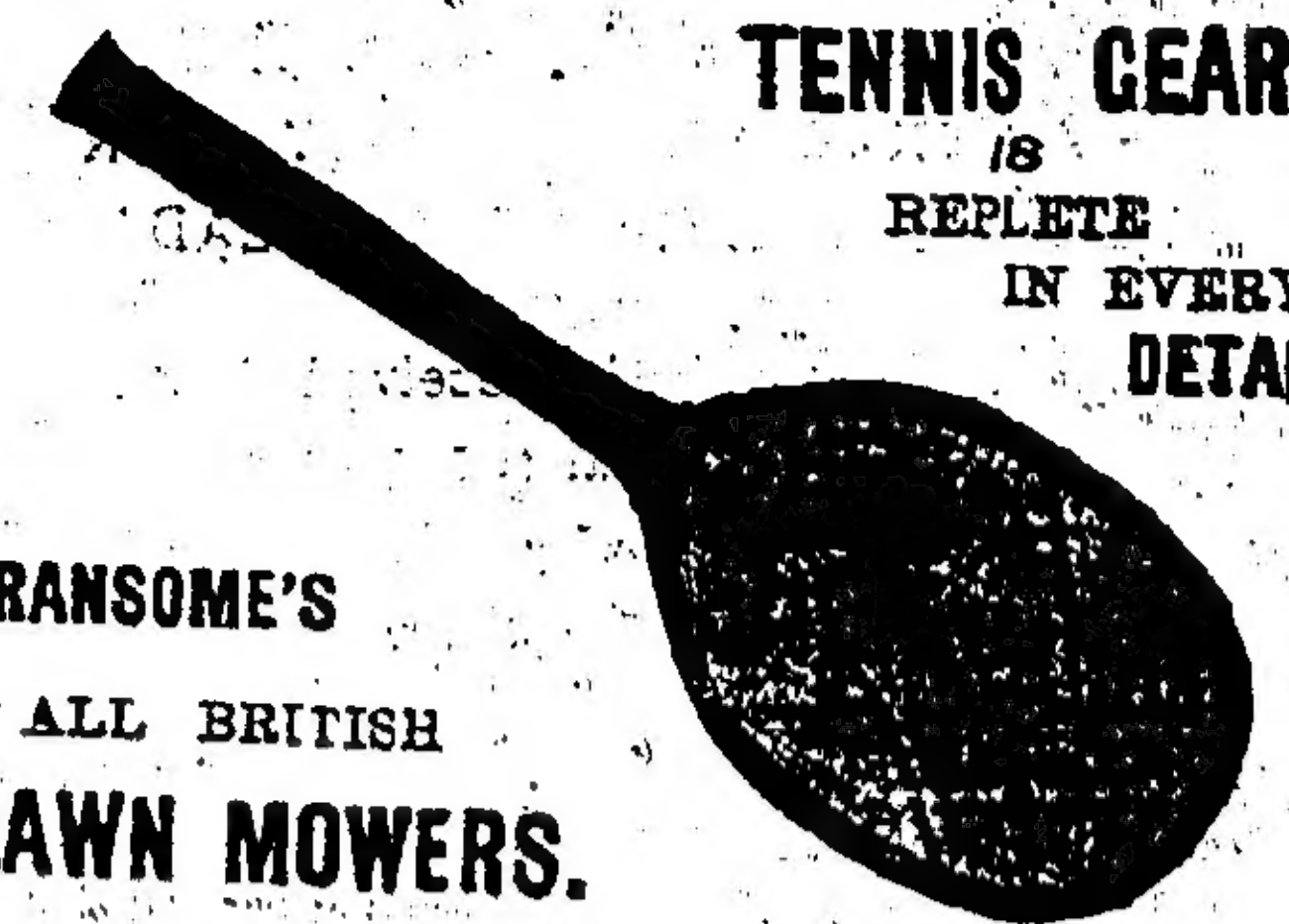
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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1917.

HELP FROM CHINA.

Notwithstanding the fact that China, for reasons which are obvious, is unable to place trained and fully equipped men in the field of battle, she has shown, since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, that she is ready and anxious to assist the Allies to the best of her power in other directions. Soldiers she cannot well supply, but coolies she can, and it is in this connection that she has given very tangible and surprisingly prompt evidence of her willingness to throw what weight she can into the Allied scale. It is not many weeks since China gave Germany the cold shoulder, but already we are informed of the steps which the Peking Government has taken for the systematic recruiting of Chinese labour for war work in Europe. The Government, it appears, has sent a circular telegram to the Provincial authorities instructing them to recruit coolies on the basis of 10,000 workers from every Province. That is a very wise and helpful step, and we are sure that the action of the Central Government in this regard will be widely appreciated by all who have the cause of the Allies at heart. It is a token of China's goodwill and of her readiness to do her little bit in helping towards the ultimate defeat of the common enemy of mankind.

The recruiting of Chinese labour for work behind the fighting lines in Europe has been proceeding for some very considerable time now, but we believe this is the first occasion on which the Chinese Government has officially identified itself with the movement. It is not without its significance that the Provincial authorities have been ordered, not merely to encourage recruiting in a general way, but have been informed that they are expected to provide a specified number of workers. That shows that the scheme has been well planned, and, if carried out in its entirety, it will fit in admirably with the methodical manner in which the Allies are co-operating in all aspects of the struggle. It is also satisfactory to realise that the matter is not being left to private enterprise, but that the scheme is being worked under Government control. At the present moment, when the Allies are being faced with a possible shortage of labour, and when, in consequence of the continuation of the "push" in the West, every possible worker is needed, the offer of China's assistance is all the more encouraging and valuable. While it is true that by far the greater number of Chinese labourers who are going to Europe will be drawn from the coolie class, and will not be skilled workers fit for employment in technical trades, it must not be overlooked that there are numerous respects in which their services will be of the utmost value. It is a vital necessity, for example, that railway lines and roads which have suffered terribly from shell fire should be rapidly repaired, and that new means of communication should be made available. It is only thus that the Allies can bring up their heavy artillery and push home the advantages gained by their steady advances. It is here that, under European supervision who understand the onerous characteristics of the Chinese coolie, China's assistance will be found to be of immense worth.

The scheme of recruitment now initiated by the Chinese Government has in it great promise, and should result in a very valuable contribution to the Allied labour ranks. But, aside from its practical aspect, it is cheering to think that, instead of harping indefinitely on what she is going to do, China has, with a most commendable briskness, shown her sympathy with the Allies in a tangible form by making arrangements whereby she can assist in the great undertaking in a manner for which she is peculiarly adapted. For China's labour resources are second to none in the world. The labour problem has been an acute one for the Allies. It has given promise of becoming more acute as the war goes on. But a steady and regulated supply of coolies from China should do much towards solving the problem.

To The Point.

All of our readers who have the Colony's interests really at heart will feel that they are indebted to Mr. Holyoak for his readiness to question the Government on matters affecting (a) the accepted procedure in Council, and (b) the Germans, and their one-time property in Hongkong. There is no need to dwell on the crying scandal of a system whereby seven officials, at will, outvote the Colony's unpaid representatives on any and every subject. Everyone knows that our Legislative Council is the most utter farce, and that there might as well be no Unofficial Members at all—save insofar as membership gives these gentlemen an opportunity of letting the Government know when its actions are opposed to the general will of the taxpayers. At Thursday's meeting, the Chamber of Commerce representative gave notice that he would propose a resolution, excluding all Huns from this Colony for a period of at least ten years following the declaration of peace, etc. We can guess beforehand how this will be received. We know that Hongkong is governed from Downing Street, per mail and wire. But the proposing of such a motion is a very straight hint to the Secretary of State that the men who pay the piper in this Colony have every intention, sooner or later, of saying what the tune shall be. The plucky and prolonged efforts which have been made by Mr. Holyoak, by the late Mr. Hewitt and by Mr. Pollock, are bound to tell, in the long run; and such men can rest assured that they enjoy the full confidence, esteem and support of the general public, and that, in the end, they are bound to score the victory for which they have been struggling. Nowadays people everywhere are a little tired of the eternal officialdom, and there is nothing over-eargic in prophesying that even out-of-date Hongkong is within measurable distance of self-government.

A New Entente Cordiale.

Quite a novel affair took place on Thursday night when an entertainment was given by some Chinese ladies and gentlemen to soldiers quartered at Mount Davis. We hear that the affair was a very great success; but when we have said that we have not said all. There is an ever-increasing number of indications that the Chinese are resolved to take their due share in the business, politics, diversions etc. of the outside world, and thus, apart from the graceful thought of these young artists in wishing to entertain our soldiers, their action can be regarded as a most helpful sign. Energy and wide-awakeness can only mean progress to come; and the surest proof that at least China's worst troubles are ending is the readiness of her children to enter the war and to identify themselves in every possible manner with civilisation's conflict with the powers of evil. And so good luck to the Chinese.

Votes For Women.

We commend to the notice of the gentlemen who was pleased, a few days ago, to contribute a somewhat feverish defence of woman suffrage to our correspondence column, the Bunter wire which describes the denunciation of America's first woman Parliamentarian during the War Vote. Miss Rankin exclaimed sobbingly: "I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war." When we give women votes we can no longer keep them out of Parliament—and, when we admit them, we get this sort of stuff. Politics are men's business, and there is no room or time to be spared for the woman who "battles in" where she is neither needed nor wanted, and proceeds to make a laughing-stock of herself—not only locally but in face of the whole world. This pretty little exhibition of a sobriety and pacifist maiden—all-forlorn sinking into her seat and declining to support a movement that is calculated to raise her country very materially in the world's estimation, will perhaps be a useful warning to some of the suffrage cranks at home.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 42nd birthday of His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

M.C.L. Entertainment.
The Victoria Branch of the Ministering Children's League is giving a children's entertainment at St. Stephen's Girls' College, Cairne Road, on Tuesday afternoon next, at 4.45 p.m. The charge for admission will be 50 cents.

Church Picnic.
In connection with St. Peter's Church, there will be a picnic, on Easter Monday, to Fanning, by the train leaving Kowloon at 1.38 p.m. Earlier in the week the picnic was cancelled, but ticket-holders are now asked to note that the picnic will be held according to all former arrangements.

Bishop Lander's Return.
The Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. W. T. Featherston returned to the Colony on Friday evening. They have visited Haiphong, Pakhoi, Lienschow, Shek Hong, Noli, Lianshan, Namchong, Nanjing, Wuchow and Canton. The Bishop held confirmations at all the Church Missionary Society Stations.

For War Fund.
We are asked to announce that the drawing room tea and sale of work in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, arranged to take place on April 11, from 3 to 6 p.m., at No. 3 University Path, will be held at the residence of Sir Charles Eliot instead. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the band of the 74 h Fusiliers will attend.

Auction of Theatre Seats.
Attention is drawn to the fact that Mr. H. P. White is on Tuesday, at 12.30 p.m., conducting another auction sale of seats for the Shakespearean selections to be given at the Theatre Royal on St. George's Night. The sale is confined to Englishmen, and it is stated that the genial auctioneer has decided, for once, to forego all commission to which he might be entitled!

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Hillside Fire.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with setting fire to grass and destroying trees. One defendant said the grass caught fire by accident. The other said that he saw that the grass was on fire and he assisted in putting it out. An assistant forester said that he saw the first defendant set fire to the grass and then walk away, without attempting to put it out. Mr. Fletcher, Superintendent of the Forestry Department, said that to extinguish this fire the cost had been about \$10 for coolie hire. If it had not been put out there and then, serious damage would have been done. The first defendant was fined \$25, or a month's imprisonment, and the second was discharged.

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC.

"Elijah" Selections at the Cathedral.

For years past Good Friday evening has been marked by a special musical effort in St. John's Cathedral, but it is safe to say that of all the sacred programmes given, that provided last night was the most ambitious of any. Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" demands much from a choir and also from soloists, and the selections given last night reflect the highest credit on those concerned for the training of the chorus, and also was a tribute to the soloists, who gave of their best. Mr. Denman Fuller, the popular organist of the Cathedral, had got together a large and enthusiastic chorus, a fact that ensured the success of the effort. The programme was due to commence at 9.15, but long before nine o'clock the majority of the seats were filled, and there were plenty of late comers who could not be given accommodation. Although expressions of appreciation could not be given, it was patent that the whole of the programme gave the greatest of pleasure.

The selections from the famous oratorio were numerous, and included individual items, duets, trios, quartettes and choruses. So varied was the list that it would be burdensome to mention each item, but it can honestly be said that all the performers acquitted themselves with the utmost credit. Mention should be made of Mr. A. J. England, Mr. O. Edgcombe, Miss Scott, Miss L. White, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Goldsmith, who were the principal soloists. Mr. England as Elijah being in very fine voice.

Following the selections from the oratorio, the chorus rendered one of the very expressive choruses from Elgar's "Banner of St. George," a treat that all enjoyed.

Mr. Denman Fuller at the organ was in a large measure responsible for the success of the evening, and praise should rightly be bestowed on Mr. J. W. White, who conducted the chorus.

The following comprised the soloists:—Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Comart, Miss Ores, Mrs. Cooper-Hunt, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edkins, Mrs. Edmonds, Miss Griffin, Mrs. Galloway, Miss Goodall, Miss Goggin, Mrs. W. M. Humphreys, Miss Hicks, Miss Jack, Mrs. Jonckheer, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Johnston, Miss A. Lillie, Miss H. Lillie, Mrs. Lander, Miss Dione May, Mrs. McCabbin, Miss McCabbin, Miss Dorothy May, Miss B. Mow Fang, Miss L. Neave, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Owen, Miss A. Peterson, Miss Packham, Miss A. Robson, Miss Richards, Miss J. Rodger, Mrs. Stringer, Miss Stone, Miss Stanley, Mrs. Stark, Miss Scott, Miss Sell, Mrs. A. E. Wright, Mrs. Warden, Miss Witcomb, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Cousins, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lake, Miss P. May, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Stabbings, Mrs. Soeters, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Williams, Masters A. Martin, Frost, Thornhill, Barr, H. S. Martin, Desno, W. Hyde, Jack, Whiffeld, Brown, Howell, Messrs. G. Davis, O. Edgcombe, J. Freeman, D. M. Goodall, S. Hadden, A. B. Hearne, H. Hayward, G. Holloway, T. Hill, E. Jones, F. O. Millington, G. H. Platt, M. L. Raiton, V. Stannard, J. Schnepel, the Hon. G. Severn, J. W. White, A. W. Armstrong, F. A. Biden, C. B. Bird, A. E. Ballock, W. E. Crocker, O. R. Crispin, W. W. Dell, W. J. Dexter, A. E. W. Dawson, W. H. Edmonds, A. J. England, J. W. Frost, A. H. Greenfield, G. H. Hackett, W. Lowe, G. H. Plessey, S. Paul, Rev. N. O. Pope, A. Parrott, H. L. Stringer, H. Sykes, H. Smith, and A. E. Wright. Engr. Comdr. Reed, R.N.

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HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending April 7, 1892.)

The Dollar.
April 7.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2/9d.

The Absconding Compadore.
April 1.—It may interest some of our readers to know that Mr. La Hok-pang, the compadore of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who is at present absent from this colony on unlimited leave, was thoroughly enjoying himself with his friends in Canton last Sunday.

Freight Rates.
April 2.—Rates of freight between Bangkok and Hongkong have improved, 2½ cents being the quotation for vessels loading inside Bangkok bar, while 17½ cents are accepted for those that fill up at Kohsiang and Ars Hung, the outside roadsteads.

"Put Not Your Trust In—Paper."
April 2.—A correspondent informs us that yesterday, being pay-day with certain Government Departments, it was remarked that one very prominent and prudent official refused to take paper money. Hard silver, every dollar of it, he demanded and obtained. "Put not your trust in—paper!"

That Retrenchment Committee.
April 5.—H. E. the Governor and the Hon. Mr. T. H. Whitehead are hereby respectfully reminded that, towards the close of last year, a proposal was made in the Council for the appointment of a retrenchment committee, to examine closely into every detail of Hongkong expenditure and report without fear or favour.

Why Moody and Sankey Squabbled.

April 5.—The tiff between Moody and Sankey, which caused some stir in holy circles, arose because Sankey took what is called a royalty on American organs, popularised by his playing. Another case of Mammon coming out ahead!

Schools Closed.

April 6.—All the schools in the Colony have closed their doors. They are not bankrupt, nor have any of their "leading men" skipped the Colony; they are not Directors of huge concerns, neither do they hold powers of attorney for deadheads. No; none of these horrors is the cause of the shutters' being up. It is a far simpler and more easily-rectified affair: simply an epidemic of mumps. That's all.

Gap Rock Light.

April 6.—Almost all the masters of vessels entering the port from the South speak very highly of the utility and qualities of the Gap Rock lamp, which flashed its 22 miles arc of light over the wild sea waves at 6.20 p.m. on Friday last, for the first time. But one and all will say: "Why on earth didn't they put a light there thirty years ago?"

Dr. Cantile.

April 7.—We note from a Home medical journal that the appointment of Dr. James Cantile, of Hongkong, to be an Honorary Associate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, has received the Queen's approval. Dr. Cantile has done a lot of excellent work in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, both here and elsewhere, and richly merits the honour that has been conferred on him.

A Word to the P.W.D.

April 7.—Who is responsible for the disgraceful condition of the roadway leading from the Parade to the Jewish cemetery in the Happy Valley? Perhaps our energetic Director of Public Works will take steps to remedy what is certainly a most objectionable nuisance.

A Rude Surprise.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of a quantity of raw opium. Defendant stated that a coat was given to him and he did not know there was opium in the pockets on the shoulders. A fine of \$200 was imposed.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In view of what is happening on the sea and in America, says the Daily News, peculiar interest attaches to the following taken from the Berliner Tageblatt of April 25 last year: "The majority of us would be happy if peaceable travellers, women and children, could be saved from death in the waves, and if the rights of neutrals could be assured against mistakes... We do not share the view that the sanity of America would be for as a real gift from the gods." The Tageblatt blamed Reventlow then for advocating an unrestricted submarine warfare. On whom will it put the blame now?

From some statistics just published in France we may gather indirect, but none the less valuable, evidence as to the real condition of Germany. The figures in question relate to the parcels sent from Germany to the prisoners at Rennes. In 1915 their number was from 1,000 to 1,200 per week; in 1916 it had sunk to an average of from between 100 to 125. More striking still is the change in the nature of their contents. Two years ago the Germans sent luxuries and dainties of all kinds and clothes of the best quality; last year there was nothing in them except lard "of very inferior quality" and old and much-mended clothes. The consignments of cigars and tobacco, which had been very large in 1915, were very small last year. The strongest testimony of all is the fact that the Christmas presents of 1915 filled three trucks; those of 1916 went into 30 packing-cases, and amounted to about one-fiftieth of the previous year's total. The value of last year's gifts was about 15 per cent. of those sent in 1915. It would be interesting to know whether the same shrinkage has been observed in the parcels arriving for German prisoners of war in this country.

The proposal to meet the submarine menace by building ferro-cement ships is really worth consideration, says the Daily News. The main advantage claimed for ships so constructed over steel ships is that they can be turned out very much quicker—"faster than the Germans by any imaginable development of their barbarous methods can ever sink them." In addition an authority on the use of ferro-cement asserts that ships can be built of reinforced cement—cement is produced instead of concrete as being stronger and more buoyant—much more cheaply than by the present method, and their life would be longer on account of the non-exposure to the elements of the steel framework, which of course, would be embedded in the cement.

One would imagine, too, that ferro-cement ships would be less easy to sink by torpedo or mine than those made of riveted steel plates. Almost the only building in San Francisco which withstood the great earthquake which wrecked that city in April, 1906, were constructed of ferro-cement, and when the city was rebuilt ferro-cement was universally employed. It has also been stated that similar buildings in the vicinity of the recent East End explosion were in every case only slightly damaged, while all around them other buildings were practically demolished.

Though the late Emperor Francis Joseph was the oldest reigning Sovereign in Europe, he was not the oldest Royalty. The Empress Eugenie is four years older, while the Dowager Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the grandmother of the Grand Duke, was eight years older. Thus the last surviving grandchild of George III. was the oldest Royalty in Europe. The elder sister of the late Duke of Cambridge, and consequently the aunt of Queen Mary of England, it was on June 28, 1843, that her marriage took place at Buckingham Palace. She received an annuity of £3,000 a year from the British Exchequer, which being paid since for the period of seventy-three years, would amount to the tidy sum of £219,000. But when the war broke out it was announced that the annuity, as the lady was living in Germany, would be stopped.

HONGKONG WAR GIFTS.

How \$1,000 was Distributed.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Committee sends us extracts from a letter with enclosures received from Mr. Murray Stewart, dealing with the disbursement of the last allocations made by the War Charities Committee. He says:—Every payment elicited very appreciative acknowledgment. The \$1,000 of which the allocation was left to Messrs. Stewart and Atkinson was distributed as follows:—

Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital Fund... £200
Ladies Emergency Committee of the Navy League 100
Russian Prisoners of War Help Committee... 100
Soldiers and Sailors Help Society... 100
Indian Soldiers Fund Sub-Committee... 100
County of London War Hospital... 100
London Committee of French Red Cross... 100
British and Foreign Sailors' Society... 100
Martinet Hospital (Foundation Alhambra)... 100

As concerns the principle of adoption of Prisoners of War by individuals, a periodical list of those who have earmarked their subscriptions for this purpose will be forwarded to our London representatives, with a note of any particular desires that may have been expressed. While the choice of a Prisoner of War to be assisted is no longer entirely open the Central Committee was established primarily to correct overlapping and omission and this method will aid towards establishing personal relation with some of our men in enemy countries.

Mr. Murray Stewart's letter is as follows:—Referring to my letter of the 27th. ultimo, I have now to advise you that, in accordance with the terms of your telegram of the 15th. January, the following sums have been disbursed on your behalf:—

\$1,000 to Officers' Families Fund
1,000 to St. Dunstons.
1,000 to Prisoners of War Fund
500 to Dreadnought Hospital
250 to Star & Garter Hospital
500 to Belgian Relief
1,000 to various War Charities.

Total \$5,250

Enclosed:—

(1) Copies of correspondence relating to the distribution of these funds.

(2) Statement of the account of the Hongkong War Charities Fund with the Hongkong Bank, London.

(3) Receipts for disbursements made from this account.

I have also forwarded by Parcel Post various pamphlets issued by the Committees administering the funds to which you have subscribed.

As regards the correspondence, you will note that the Prisoners of War Committee are 'adopting' as many prisoners of War as your contribution provides parcels for during the next six months, the prisoners being advised that these parcels come from you: this will, I hope, be satisfactory.

I hope also that the arrangement made with Sir Arthur Pearson to add the amount now contributed to your previous contribution to the After-Care Fund, with corresponding alteration on the Tablet in the National Institution for the Blind, will meet with your approval.

In the case of the Officers' Families Fund, I decided after making enquiries and considering the matter that it was impossible to ask for any special application of the sum contributed. The needs for which the Fund is designed to provide are urgent private needs and I thought it best to leave the Committee to dispose of your donation at their discretion.

The last letter from the Dreadnought Hospital will show you that the method proposed by their Secretary for recognising your gift has not actually been passed by the Committee, but I anticipate a further letter before very long informing me that they have agreed to the proposed Tablet to be erected at the head of a bed to be named after the Colony.

As regards the Hongkong room in the new Star & Garter Hospital,

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralph state:—

Y.M.C.A. Division.
Tuesday, 10th April.—8 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon S. F. Lee, 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, 12th April.—8 p.m. Bandage Practice; Lee. Opl. Wei Kan will take charge. 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

Sallyingpun Division.
Wednesday, 11th April 2.30 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Queen's College Division.
Tuesday, 10th April.—4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Friday, 13th April.—4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—as above.

Victoria Division.
Tuesday, 10th April.—5.15 p.m. Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Friday, 13th April.—5.15 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon Cheah.

Appointments.
Subject to confirmation by General J. O. Dalton, Chief Commissioner, Lim Cheong Eang, M.B.S., is appointed Assistant Divisional Surgeon, and attached to the Victoria Division.

Corporal Kong Ki Fai is appointed Divisional Secretary, Queen's College Division.

Recruits.
Attention is drawn to the rule that in future all candidates for admission to the Brigade must obtain a medical certificate from the Surgeon of the Division they desire to join. This certificate is to be forwarded by the Divisional Surgeon to Dr. Koeh, District Surgeon. Officers in Charge of Divisions will, on receiving such certificates, make careful inquiry into the character and general fitness of the candidates before recommending them for admission.

you will see that the Secretary asks me to let her have the wording of an inscription to be placed inside the room, and it occurs to me that probably you might prefer to suggest a suitable inscription, which I shall be glad to pass on to her on hearing from you. I take it that this inscription should mention the endowment provided by your previous remittance of \$2,000.

As regards the funds for Belgian Relief, there are, as you probably know, a number of Committees functioning. In view of the fact that one of these was presided over by Lady Lugard, I sent a £100 to it, believing that it would be approved on account of her associations with the Colony. The rest I sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund, having satisfied myself that this was the best channel through which to ensure efficient distribution.

The disposal of the remaining \$1,000 was not quite so easy, but I had the advantage of consulting Dr. Atkinson before deciding. I hope you will think that we did right in sending £200 to the Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital. It is a war Hospital, housed in a building which was formerly the Royal Palace Hotel; an admirably run institution of its kind, and specially worthy of support. I understand that the Queen takes a personal interest in its welfare and possibly this accounts for the keenness and efficiency displayed in its management.

You will observe that in the exercise of our discretion, Atkinson and I decided to send contributions to the French Red Cross Hospital (who have undertaken to name two beds after the Colony for one year), to a privately-managed English Hospital in France, and to the Russian Prisoners of War Fund. Both of us thought that the fact of a far-away British Colony contributing to the relief of suffering among our Allies would be appreciated, as a sign of that spirit of comradeship which is so profoundly important to foster.

Similar 'political' considerations guided us in subscribing to the Indian Soldiers' Fund. For the rest, I do not think there is anything calling for comment. I have only to add that it has been a great pleasure to me to act in this matter as the medium of the Colony's munificence.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Money a Little Easier.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co. in their weekly share circular (Shanghai, March 31) say:—

Money has ruled somewhat easier during the past week, with a slight improvement in the volume of business as a consequence, but this has been chiefly among the Rubbers; there is no interest taken in Cottons, although the mills are doing much better than last year, and General Investments are tightly held against a small demand. The Debenture market has been neglected, but the new Municipal Loan is attracting some applications, and a number of these are, as we expected, from Chinese investors. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 3/4; the Dollar rate being 72.3.

Company Meetings, etc.—Yangtze Insurance has called its meeting for 13th prox, when the Directors will propose the payment of a final dividend of \$15 (making \$21), a transfer to Investment and Exchange Reserve of \$250,000, and that \$651,017 be carried forward. It should be noted that the re-valuation of the Company's sterling securities at 3/5.13/16 instead of 2/3.5/16 has absorbed nearly 2½ lakhs of dollars of the year's profits which otherwise would have been available for distribution. An interim dividend of \$3 on account 1916 working is announced.

Langkai: At the recent meeting the shareholders voted themselves a dividend of Tls. 1 per share, decided to limit oil-boring activities, and elected a Committee to investigate the Company's investments. Sumatra: The meeting held on 30th decided not to declare a dividend. Hall and Holt: The profit for the year is shown as \$157,409, out of which a dividend of 10 per cent. is recommended, \$15,000 to be transferred to Property, and \$13,820 to General Reserve, \$7,619 written off for Depreciation, \$20,000 placed to Equalisation of Dividend Fund, and after allowing \$2,000 for Doubtful Debt, a sum \$48,493 carried forward. The meeting is to be held on 18th prox. Ziangbo: The Annual Meeting will be held on 18th prox, when a final of 25 will be proposed, Tls. 30,000 voted to the vendors of the Company in lieu of an allotment of unissued shares at par, and Tls. 7,500 as bonus to staff, leaving Tls. 2,878 to be carried forward.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

APRIL 23rd 1917.

IN accordance with the programme arranged by the Committee for the celebration of St. George's Day, MONDAY, the 23rd inst., a Shakespearean performance will be given at the Theatre Royal at 9.15 p.m. Applications for seat vouchers, WHICH CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY ENGLISHMEN, may up to and including Thursday the 12th inst. be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Bentley, Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, stating the number of seats required for the applicant and his guests; and these vouchers, which are un-numbered, will be exchangeable for numbered seat tickets at \$5.00 each on payment to Messrs. MOUTRIE & CO., when the Box Office is open, on and after Monday the 16th inst.

In case applications exceed the accommodation of the Theatre the vouchers issued will necessarily be for a smaller number of seats than are applied for.

In the Dress Circle, a limited reservation has been made for Official Guests, and other seats have been sold by auction; the remainder of the Dress Circle, and the whole of the Stalls will be available.

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The Committee has much pleasure in inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Colony to their Sports, the Race Course (by kind permission of the Hongkong Jockey Club) on EASTER MONDAY 19th inst., commencing at 1.30 P.M.

There will be one event.—220 yards Championship—open to all Bona Fide Amateurs in the Colony under the Rules of A.A.A. \$1.00. By kind permission of the Officers, the Band of the 74th Punjab will play during the afternoon.

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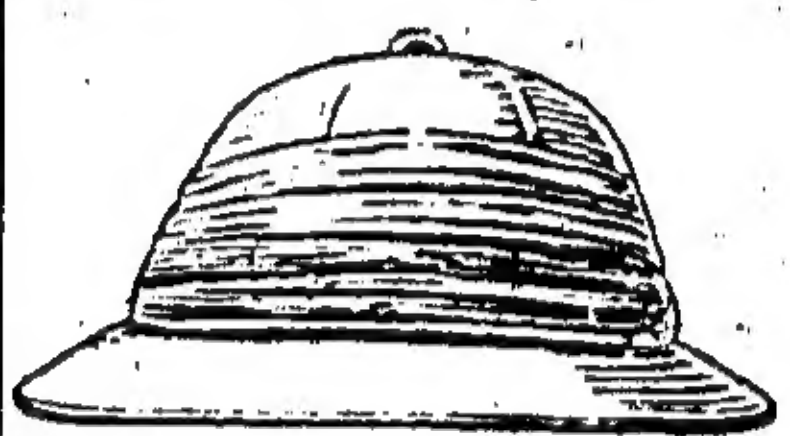
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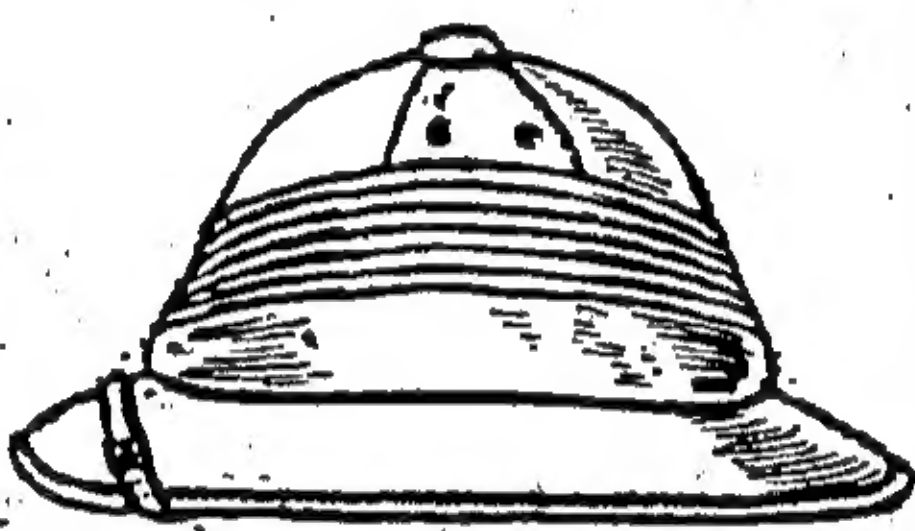
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SHIPPING NEWS.

The Poltava. All hopes of saving the stranded Russian Volunteer Fleet s.s. Poltava, which went ashore on North Saddle during a fog on March 21, have been abandoned, the stern of the vessel having swung round on to the rocks. She is now totally submerged, only part of her bridge showing above low water.

French Bids for Japanese Steamer

A good many offers have been made by French buyers to the Japanese ship-owners. One offered to a Kobe firm by a Paris corporation on the 15th inst. was G. 170 per ton for a steamer built in 1891. The newly constructed s.s. Yoshida Maru (9,600 tons) owned by the Yamehita S.S. Co., was sold at G. 146 for delivery in March, and the s.s. Kurohime Maru (6,760 tons), property of Mr. Itaya, at the price of G. 2,550,000.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr. M. McCarthy has rejoined as supercargo chief officer, Choyssang. Mr. G. H. Bowden has been appointed acting chief officer, Tungwo. Mr. W. Martinson, acting chief officer, Tungwo, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. W. A. Dean, second officer, Tungwo, has gone second officer, Changwo. Mr. W. Harvey, chief officer, Tehhsing, has resigned. Mr. R. T. Olsen has been appointed chief officer, Tehhsing. Mr. E. J. Hempel, chief officer, Sagittarius, has resigned. Captain H. R. Lyons, from leave, has gone master, Meitan. Shipping and Engineering.

Singapore Slipway and Engineering Co.

The thirty-first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Singapore Slipway and Engineering Co., Ltd., was held at the registered office of the Company, Tanjong Pagar, last week. Mr. J. R. Nicholson, C. M. G., in the chair. The minutes of the thirty-first meeting having been read and confirmed, the Directors' report was approved and accepted and the accounts passed. It was decided that a dividend of \$5 per share be paid to shareholders. Mr. S. A. Lane, the Director to retire by rotation, was re-elected a Director and Messrs. Gately and Bateman were elected as auditors for 1917.

Missing Steamer "Gishun Maru"

The s.s. Gishun Maru, Capt. S. Maeda, owned by Messrs. Tatsuma & Co., Dairen, which had not been heard of or from since her departure from Seattle on January 30 last for Yokohama, is now under charter of Messrs. Frank Watson & Co., San Francisco, which is one of the foremost American shipping concerns working a trans-Pacific service and had been plying between Seattle and Japanese ports. She was imported into Dairen by the present owners a few years ago and was formerly known as the Abegailde, being built in 1898 in Sunderland, with a gross tonnage of 3,393. In passing, another of the Tatsuma's steamers, the Kaishin Maru, is also under charter of the above firm. The latter was also once reported to have foundered in a gale in the Pacific after her departure from Seattle on January 28 last, but safely arrived at Yokohama recently after a rough voyage all the way.

Notice to Mariners.

China Ser.—Newchwang District.—Notice is given that on or about the 16th May, 1917, the Newchwang light-vessel, moored off the entrance to the Liao River, Gulf of Liaotung, will be permanently replaced by a new light-vessel. The new light-vessel is built of steel, is 32 feet in length and 16 feet in beam, will be painted red with "Newchwang" on her sides in white letters. The light, which will be exhibited from a lantern surrounding a steel tower, will be Dioptric, Double Flashing of the Fourth Order, showing two white flashes in quick succession every 10 seconds. The power of the flash will be about 15,000 candles. The light will be elevated 35 feet above the sea and should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 11 nautical miles in foggy or thick weather an automatic acetylene fog-gun will be operated giving one report every 30 seconds. If the light-ship be driven from her proper station the usual light will not be shown, but a fixed red light will be exhibited at each end of the vessel during the night and a red flag hoisted during the day.

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NOTICES.

WATER RETURN.

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Hongkong, April 6, 1917.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

THE ADVANCE IN THE WEST.

St. Quentin Encircled.

London, April 5. The progress reported in last night's French communiqué is part of a great French encircling movement south of St. Quentin, the fate of which is already sealed. The situation is dramatic as the British to the north are only two miles from the town and the French to the south 24 miles distant. It is expected that the honour of the capture will fall to the French, who, at May, are on the Hindenburg line. The suddenness of the British advance disconcerted the enemy whose over-confidence in employing artillery forced him to abandon six guns. His attempt to recover them led to a most dramatic close-quarter fight with bombs, bayonets and clubbed rifles, in which the British steadily drove back the Prussians through Savy Wood.

Bombardment of Rheims.

Paris, April 6. The German are furiously bombarding Rheims. The Mayor has requested many of the inhabitants to leave.

More British Captures.

London, April 6. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states: We have captured the villages of Bonsoy and Bassee-Boulogne after sharp fighting. The enemy in retreating became entangled in their own wire and suffered heavily. We continue to progress in spite of resistance north-east and east of Metz en Comers. We reached the western and south-western edges of Gouzeaucourt and Havrimout woods, where we took sixty prisoners, two trench mortars and five machine guns. Enemy Strongly Entrenched.

A French communiqué states:—The enemy has not attempted any further action from the Somme to the Oise on the new front which we conquered yesterday. Our reconnaissance were pushed forward during the night north of Cauchy and north of May as far as the enemy lines which were found to be strongly held. There has been intermittent fire east and west of the Somme. Our gunfire last night stopped dead a German counter-attack which was being prepared to debouch on the Ladon-Margival front, where the artillery duel continued. The Germans unsuccessfully attacked between Sapignieu and Godat farm. Some enemy detachments advanced and took a portion of trench but were immediately driven out.

Enemy Admits Retirement.

London, April 5. A wireless German Official report states: The English strongly attacked to the north of the Peronne-Cambrai road. We inflicted heavy losses before retiring. The French occupied our evacuated positions south-west of St. Quentin. Our batteries exploded a munitions depot near Vendresse. The explosion was heard and felt forty kilometres behind our front. We inflicted a defeat to the north of Rheims and took over eight hundred prisoners. We have captured French trenches to the west of Morcote.

SHIPPING CONTROL.

London, April 5. In the House of Commons, Sir Chiozza Money said the Shipping Controller was endeavouring to map out the world trade of Great Britain in order to provide that the best use was made of the tonnage available.

Traders could help by keeping the Department in touch with the needs of particular interests. The Controller was endeavouring also to survey the whole field of imports in relation to the tonnage estimated to be available during the remainder of the year, and, as it were, form a balance sheet. The idea was to arrange a priority of imports. Every effort would be made to make the inevitable dislocation as light as possible.

The Controller had hitherto requisitioned 1,000 vessels, including 800 cargo steamers trading in well-established lines of communication. The Department was "combing out" vessels from the distant parts of the world and employing them on shorter voyages nearer home, so that the largest available amounts of imports for the civilian population would be secured. The Dominions had loyally accepted the position, despite the loss to them.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

A Local Reverse.

London, April 5. The reverse admitted by the Russians in Volhynia was of a purely local character. It does not seem to be the prelude of a big German offensive as the country is very marshy and woody and is suffering from the thaw.

Position Recaptured.

London, April 5. A wireless Russian official message states: The enemy attacked us in the Zolotoch region, making six assaults in the neighbourhood of Tepeleli village. We eventually dislodged the enemy, completely restoring the position.

We have occupied Khanikin and Kasrichidin. A battle is proceeding with the Turkish rear-guards, who are making an effort to hold the Diali river crossing. A Cossack detachment has left Khanin for Kyrylnabat for the purpose of joining the British.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, April 6. The House of Commons has adjourned until April 17th.

FRIGHTFULNESS.

Relief Ship Torpedoed.

Ymuiden, April 5. A German submarine torpedoed without warning yesterday, twelve miles off Scheveningen, the Belgian relief steamer Trevel, bound from New York to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain. Twenty-four of the crew were brought to Ymuiden, eight of them wounded, owing to the submarine shelling the boats.

Six Hospital Ships Sunk.

London, April 5. In the House of Commons Mr. Macnamara stated that up to the present the enemy had mined or torpedoed six hospital ships, 347 people being killed and 73 injured thereby.

"Almwick Castle" Survivors.

Madrid, April 5. Twenty survivors of the a.s. Almwick Castle have arrived at Carino and describe their terrible sufferings from cold, hunger and thirst. They were in an open boat for ten days. The voyage began with thirty persons, including a Frenchwoman with a four months' old baby and an English nurse. Rations of water and two biscuits apiece were served daily, but latterly the water ran short and rainwater was collected. An Italian Cook died on the 21st, an Englishman went mad and died on the 22nd, a passenger, a stoker and a seaman succumbed on the 23rd, a steward died on the 24th, a cabin boy on the 25th and the same day a seaman jumped overboard whom it was impossible to rescue owing to the rough sea. An officer and a steward died while landing at Carino. The survivors declare that if they had been another day at sea they would all have been dead. The mother, baby and nurse have all survived, thanks to the constant kindness of the other survivors who are all Britishers.

Expert Comment.

Commenting on the returns of submarine the "Times" naval correspondent remarks that some features of it indicate that the German "blockade" has its limits. The volume of trade passing through the danger zone shows no great difference since the increase of submarine in the middle of March. Thus, it may be assumed that neutral traffic being resumed the losses from submarines and mines do not show any decided tendency to increase and they are apparently much below the total which the enemy confidently anticipated and which von Bethmann Hollweg claimed. Meanwhile, the number of armed ships which escape or beat off attack is growing. It may reasonably be expected therefore that the fortitude of our merchant seamen and the energy of the Navy will shortly reap their reward. The tables of the Allies do not show any sign that their mercantile marine is suffering very heavily either from interference of traffic or undue percentage of loss.

THE BANK RATE.

The Bank of England Discount Rate is now five per cent.

THE DUFALT CONCERTS.

A Great Success on Thursday.

It was extremely gratifying to find the Theatre Royal so well filled on Thursday night for the second of the Dufault concerts. Downstairs practically all the accommodation was occupied, while in the circle there were very few vacant seats. The programme submitted was rich in quality, and its variety was such as to appeal to all tastes. How delighted the audience was with the fire provided may be gathered from the fact that, almost without exception, every item was encoored. The whole concert was a wonderfully satisfying musical treat, and the unrestrained outbursts of applause which punctuated the efforts of each of the trio of artists provided eloquent testimony to the deep enjoyment felt by all present. Several of the numbers were cheered to the echo. Seldom, in fact, have we seen a Hongkong audience so intensely enthusiastic. And the enthusiasm shown was only what the merits of the performers thoroughly deserved. It was an evening of beautiful, soul-satisfying music—one which will long live in the memories of all who gathered within the building.

There were many present who had heard the great tenor on his first appearance in Hongkong, and these were more than ever convinced of his remarkable talents. Those who went in great expectations, from what they had heard and read of M. Dufault, were more than satisfied with his silvery voice and his essentially artistic treatment of all the themes which he so brilliantly interpreted. It was in the more ambitious operatic work that M. Dufault made his greatest hits—for it is in this realm that the full scope of his talents is made most apparent—but in his handling of ballads also he rose to great heights. It is his wonderful versatility, in fact, that stamps the French-Canadian tenor as a truly great vocalist. Whether he is singing grand opera or melodious little ditties, he always enters thoroughly into the spirit of the number and brings out its charms to the fullest limits. His first item was the Prayer from Massenet's "Le Cid," and his treatment of it was most inspiring. It was a magnificent effort, sung with great depth of feeling and understanding; and a recital was inevitable. A blithe and happy note was struck in his singing of "Sylvain," in which all the wonderful freshness of M. Dufault's voice came into prominence; while in a typically modern ballad by the American composer Speaks, entitled "Morning," the tenor made an equally charming impression. Of a totally different order, "Lai Pleure au Reve" (by Hue) was very soulfully sung. In his last group of songs, M. Dufault gave further evidence of his great range of powers. Pessard's "Ballet d'Amour" was sung in extremely fine taste, while it is to be doubted if anyone present had ever heard such a wonderful interpretation of the old favourite "The Trampster," as that of M. Dufault. At the conclusion of this song, the audience gave full vent to its feelings of appreciation in a roar of applause, and, as a concluding encore, M. Dufault sang with great dramatic fervour a verse from the Marseillaise. Those who heard that effort will not readily forget it.

The very fine impression formed of Miss Pauline Bindley at the first concert of the season was more than confirmed by her beautiful singing on Thursday. Her marvellously clear and flexible voice, her perfect enunciation and her very happy and artistic style gave unbounded pleasure to all. The aria, "One Fine Day," from "Madame Butterfly," revealed her great dramatic powers, which were also most impressively reflected in the duet from "Carmen," in association with M. Dufault. All the useful beauty of Haydn's "My Mother bids me Bid my Hair" was splendidly brought out in Miss Bindley's second group of songs, while "Poor Wandering One," from "The Pirates of Penzance," was one of her most magnificent contributions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

CHINESE WOMEN AND THE UNIVERSITY.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—Referring to the letter signed "Cantonese" and "Experiences Doct." appearing in your issue of the 2nd and 4th inst., respectively, I quite agree with the remarks made by "Cantonese." As his view, I believe, refers solely to the Hongkong Chinese women and to the Hongkong University. On the other hand, "Experiences Doct." will doubtless be aware that women students are not admitted to the Hongkong University. It may be distinctly understood from the fact of their exclusion that a great majority of Hongkong Chinese, both men and women, are quite in agreement upon this point, as suggested by "Cantonese." If not, why has no provision been made for the admission of women students, in spite of the fact that so many representative Chinese gentlemen have a voice in their admission or exclusion.

Yours etc.,

ARBITRA.

Hongkong, April 6, 1917.

Sir,—In reply to the letter signed "Experiences Doct." in your issue of the 4th inst., I would like to point out that the ideas expressed in my own letter only relate to the Hongkong Chinese women. Your correspondent mentions that there are forty Chinese girls' schools in this Colony. Does he think that the girls, after having been educated at the average of these schools, are ready to sit for the Hongkong University Matriculation? Does he think that they can be called Chinese scholars or can be said to be fully educated Chinese women? Does he think any of these forty schools can compare with the schools for teachers in Peking, Canton and other cities of China? I have never seen any Chinese women in Hongkong whose Chinese can compare with, or on a level, that of the men who have graduated as Chinese Bachelors or Masters of Arts in native colleges.

I do not see on what experience "Experiences Doct." bases his demand for Chinese women to have higher foreign education. I believe, as I said in my last letter, that Chinese women need to be fully educated in their own language before proceeding with foreign higher education. China has already degrees for men, and she would doubtless be ready, nowadays, to confer these on women, if they were fully educated in the classics of their own country. I have never yet come across any European who, before knowing his own language, wished to qualify himself in higher foreign education.

It seems to me that "Experiences Doct." has little foundation for his arguments, for he appears to know little about native customs and prejudices in Hongkong and in China. If he will discuss the question with missionaries who have worked in different parts of China, he will discover that I am not far wrong in my contentions.

Yours etc.,

DANTONESE.

Hongkong, April 7, 1917.

Miss Bindley is a singer who should have a big future before her.

Of Mr. Empson's work at the piano much could be said. He is an accompanist of all too rare a type. His individual contributions to Thursday's programme showed him to be a brilliant player, his rendering of Mendelssohn's Scherzo in E minor being a very fine piece of work.

The whole concert was an immense success from start to finish—one of those occasions of which Hongkong experiences far too few. And lovers of the best in music will have cause for much regret if they do not avail themselves of the opportunity provided by the two remaining Dufault concerts.

LAWN TENNIS.

Noteworthy Chinese Success.

One of the finest doubles tennis matches seen for a long time in Hongkong, took place yesterday afternoon on the cricket ground in connection with the Championship Doubles of the Cricket Club's tennis tournaments, when Messrs. R. and H. Hancock were opposed to Messrs. Ng Sze Kwong and Wong Po Keung. A good crowd had gathered in anticipation of watching a close game, but expectations were more than realised, a match of outstanding merit being the result. The first set was a criterion of the match as regards the closeness of play, this falling to the Chinese players by the narrow margin of 7/5. Hard and clever play characterised the match all through, and right up to the end it was an open question as to which pair would gain the verdict. The second and third sets fell to the Hancocks with the scores 6/3, 6/4, and the fourth set saw matters pulled level again, the Chinese winning by 6/2. The deciding set was a treat to watch, and although it eventually went to Ng Sze Kwong and his partner by six games to four, there was not that difference of merit between the opponents. At the conclusion of the struggle, both winners and losers came in for a hearty expression of the crowd's appreciation.

Other results, since we published on Thursday, are:—

Championship Singles:—M. K. Lo beat J. M. Soeters, 4/6, 6/3, 8/6, 6/4; H. A. Nisbet beat M. P. Lo 9/7, 6/4, 6/3.

Championship Doubles:—H. A. Nisbet and S. H. Dowell beat A. B. Raworth and Lieut. Murray 6/0, 6/1, 6/1.

Men's Doubles:—O. H. Bitter and B. Bachan (rec. 3/6) beat J. Stalker and H. H. Taylor, (scratched) 6/8, 6/2, 9/7; Thorne and Kint (receive 5/8) beat Mass and Manning (receive 5/8) 6/8, 6/4, 6/2; Mariel and Thompson (receive 5/6) beat Wright and Robinson (receive 15/6) 6/1, 6/4.

Handicap Singles "A":—S. E. Green, (owes 30/3) beat R. M. Austin (receives 15/1) 7/5, 9/7.

Handicap Singles "B":—L. Windokler (receives 3/8) beat J. R. Wood (scratched) 6/4, 6/4; A. Morse, (receives 2/6) beat W. J. Morrison (owes 15/6) 6/0, 6/4; Pestonji (receives 15/3) beat Murray Bain (receives 15/4) 6/1, 6/4; Ridgway (receives 3/8) beat H. Pegg (owes 3/8) 6/3, 13/11.

Mixed Doubles Handicap:—Redmond and Mrs. Winslow (scratched) beat Hickling and Mrs. Brown (owes 3/6), 6/2, 6/3; O. Thorne and Mrs. F. J. B. Gilson (rec. 4/8) beat Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Stark (rec. 3/6) 6/0, 6/3, 8/6.

JAPAN AND PEACE.

Preparing for the End of the War.

During the few days following the democratic revolution in Russia, there have been rumours of similar disturbances in Germany, says a commercial writer in the Japan Chronicle. Such rumours are naturally magnified by interested parties in business circles, but apart from the accuracy of the report, it has apparently strengthened, coming as it does in the wake of the Russian revolution—the conviction of Japanese merchants that the war is fast approaching conclusion.

The revolution in Russia means the elimination of pro-German elements and will strengthen her determination to carry on the war, while the outcome of a similar disturbance in Germany, if it has really occurred, will be just the reverse. In Japanese business circles the opinion is rife that these events will lead to a truce, if not to the actual conclusion of peace, and they are apparently fully prepared to face any eventualities.

The German peace proposals towards the end of last year were entirely unexpected, and accordingly produced something like a panic in the markets in Japan. The case is now quite different; they would not be very much astonished even if the actual opening of peace negotiations were reported to-day.

SHARE REPORT.

Features of the Hongkong Market.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report dated April 5, state:—

Owing to the Easter holidays we are issuing our Report one day earlier than usual. The market since our last report has remained fairly firm for most speculative stocks and closes with a demand for Indos, Sugars and Docks. For investment stocks there has been a good demand at improved rates, but there are few shares coming out, and rates show an upward tendency.

Shanghai market remains dull and there is very little enquiry. Shanghai Docks after having been done at Tls. 91 have receded to a selling quotation of Tls. 90 and Langkats, after sales at Tls. 20 have dropped to Tls. 18 1/2.

The rubbershare market seems strong, with more enquiry for most of the good investment stocks. Plantation rubber comes through at 3/1.

Banks.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have further advanced, and sales have been made at various rates from \$685 to \$705, and the market closes with buyers at the latter rate.

Marine & Fire Insurance.—Unions have improved to a buying rate of \$910 after sales at this rate. Cantons are in demand at \$375, and Hongkong Fires at \$332 1/2. China Fires still have buyers at \$155.

Shipping.—Deferred Indos have remained steady round about \$127, sales having been made at this. Douglasses after opening at \$94 buyers, dropped to \$87 buyers, ex the dividend of \$5 paid on the 4th inst. Steamboats have been placed at \$18, and at the close have buyers at this rate.

Rifles.—China Sugars have been placed at \$114, ex the dividend of \$12 paid on the 31st of March, and have buyers at \$114. Malabons have improved to a buying quotation of \$31.

Oils and Mining.—Langkats have declined to Tls. 18 1/2. Raubers are wanted at \$2.15 and Tronous have sellers at 27/6.

Docks and Wharves.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have remained steady at \$121 buyers, sales having been made at \$122. Kowloon Wharves have found buyers at \$81.

Land, Hotels & Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have advanced a couple of points, and close with buyers offering \$96. Central Estates have suddenly come into demand again, and can be placed at \$94. Humphreys Estates have been the medium of a large business at \$6.25, and West Points are in demand at the improved rate of \$75 after sales at this.

Miscellaneous.—Cements have improved to \$8.55, sales having been made at various rates from \$8 upwards. Low Level Tramways after sales at \$7.25 close with sellers at this. China Providents have been placed at \$8, Watsons at \$6.75, and Union Waterboats at \$16.25. Dairy Farms are wanted at \$23, and Electric at \$40, after sales at \$50. Powells have buyers at \$6.

Forward Settlement Days.—27th April (Friday), and 30th May (Wednesday).

The Food Committee.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyak to be a member of the Committee to fix from time to time the maximum price for which any article of food may be sold by retail in the Colony.

Tobacco and Liquor Permits.

Notice is given that no permits can be issued for the shipment of dutiable liquors or tobacco as ships' stores, unless:—(1) The application for such permit is signed by the master or agent of the ship to which it is desired to supply such liquors or tobacco; or (2) The application is accompanied by a written order from the master or agent of each ship. Ship's stores include passengers' baggage and any other form of export not shown on the ship's manifest.

THE EPIC OF THE MERCHANT SERVICE.

"Story Sublime in its Plain Simplicity."

The "Observer" says:—"When we think of what the sea has meant to Britain and her breed throughout the world, we sometimes speak with no undue pride of the epic of our race. By day and night let us spare a thought or two for the simple fact that in all that epic with centuries for its books and chapters, there has never been anything to excel the heroism of the merchant service of 47-day. Those who go down to the sea in ships have continued as a matter of course to do their business in the great waters. For them it is 'business as usual' in the only glorious sense of that watchword. Think what it means. In older days, when land winds shook the casements, it was a homely custom in our island to lift a passing prayer for all men tossed at sea. But storm was less threatening than the new peril and fire less swift.

Nomarine knows the place or the moment at which the murder-machine may appear on the waters to threaten destruction fifty or a hundred miles from land or more. Mines add to the risks, and every sailor of the merchant service carries his life in his hand. So sudden, so stealthy, are the things which conspire against his life that his case is like nothing so much as that of a medieval citizen walking narrow streets with the chance of assassination lurking in every nook. In a word, what the German submarine means is an attempt to stab British sea-power in the back. The whole merchant service faces death like our men in the trenches, only in more incalculable ways and with the added possibility of the bitter hardships that will-night fire as the heart of those cast away in open boats or picked up out of the sea. Yet not a vessel of the merchant service has failed to face the thing. Not a man has thought for a single moment of not facing it. Even hands sunk and saved repeatedly sign on as cheerily as ever.

That is what breed means. Those, if there are still any, who think that what is strongest in breed is the monopoly of a class instead of the common possession of a whole great people have yet to learn the elements about the meaning of Britain. As the poet spoke of "joy in widest commonality spread," so in these days we may speak of courage. But in that quality, let there be no mistake about it, mercantile Jack leads us all to-day. If the Navy and Army could be consulted they would give him the palm with three times the. The merchant service at this moment is purchasing our birth-right anew with a higher order of pluck, coolness, and fibre than were ever needed to win it. The story, sublime in its plain simplicity if any tale ever was, will be told as long as British eyes can read or British lips can speak.

Long before the war one who knew both countries very well gave the Germans their warning. He said: "The British may have every deficiency you think except one. They have one peculiar quality which you do not begin to understand; they will beat you by sheer nerve." Some means of giving special national recognition to the merchant service will have to be found. Until we compel ourselves to realise what is going on around our sea, and to envisage the actual drama of mercantile courage and skill pitted against the torpedoes and machine-guns of the submarine pirates, we cannot begin to understand the new fight for the sea.

Acting Consular Appointment.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. Jose G. de Obaldia as Acting Consul for Peru in Hongkong, pending the arrival of the new Consul.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Cannot be beaten. If Equalled for Bread, Cakes, Confectionery and meals with Wines & Liquors.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

L. SELLERS; M. SELLERS; R. BUYERS; S. YOMMERS.

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	1916/7. Highest to Date	1916/7. Lowest to Date	Last Dividend and Date	
Banks.										
b. & sa. \$705	H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	84 1/2	Sept.	78 1/2	May	820 630	Int. Div. of £2.3/- at ex. 2/1/- = \$20.54 Fin. & Bonus, £2.13/- at ex. 2/4/- = \$22.12 making 149.65 for 1917. Paid 26/2/17. Final of \$7 making \$25. a/c 1914, and interim of \$18 a/c 1915. Final Div. of 15% making 27 1/2% for year ending 30/6/16. Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 making \$60.00 for 1914 and interim of \$30.00 for 1915. Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1914 & Int. of \$6 for 1915
b. \$375	Marine Insurance.	10,000	\$250	50	47 1/2	Sept.	340	Jan.	496 370	
n. \$150	Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$15	25	180	April	144	Jan.	180 150	
sa. \$910	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	12,400	\$350	100	97 1/2	Aug.	700	Jan.	\$1005 \$680	
n. ex 73 1/2	Union Ins. S'ty of C'lon, Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	280	Dec.	200	Jan.	300 235	
b. \$155	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	163	Aug.	127 1/2	April	168 152	
b. \$432 1/2	Fire Insurance.	8,000	\$250	60	420	Sept.	385	Jan.	420 325	\$7 & 1/2 bonus 1914 \$27 for 1915. Paid 29/3/17
Shipping.										
b. \$86	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	104 1/2	Dec.	28 1/2	Mar.	137 86	Int. Div. of \$5.00. Paid 4/4/17.
b. & sa. \$18	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	23 1/2	May	19	Dec.	24 17 1/2	\$125 for year ending 31/12/16 Paid 12/3/17
sa. \$427	Indo-China Combined Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	172	Dec.	62 1/2	Jan.	190 171	Int. Div. 3/- on Pref. & 10/- on Def. shares, for 1 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, at exch. 2 1/2 paid 11/8/16.
n. \$41 1/2	Preferred	60,000	\$5	all	68	Oct.	24	Aug.	55 41.20	Final of 5/- (Coupon 2/-) making in all 7/- for year 1915 \$1.65 Div. and 45 cents bonus for year ending 30.4.16
n. 103/-	Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	94 1/2	June	75/-	Jan.	112/6 86/6-	
b. \$43	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	39 1/2	Oct.	23	July	41 33	
n. & d. \$114	Refineries.	20,000	\$100	all	134 1/2	Sept.	80	Jan.	146 100	\$12 for 1916. Paid 31/3/17.
b. \$31	China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	14,000	P.83	all	41				29 1/2	\$5 for 1916. Paid 15/2/17.
n. 36/-	Malacca S. Refining Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$1	all	35/-	April	30/-	Dec.	36/9 26/-	Final Div. of 1/- nett making in all 3/- a/c 30.6.16. (Coupon No. 8) 1/2 for 1909
b. \$215	Kailan Mining Admin'n.	200,000	\$1	all	440	Mar.	240	Jan.	335 170	1/- interim making 3/- for a/c 1916 paid 25/10/16
n. 27/6	Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	25/-	Dec.	32/6	Mar.	42/6 27/-	Final of 4/- making 5/- for a/c year ending 12/11/15 paid July 1916
n. 28/-	Tromch Mines Ltd.	796,666	\$1	all	43/-	April	25/-	Jan.	38/9 25/-	Div. of \$4 & Bonus \$2 for 1916. Paid 22/2/17.
sa. \$61	Ural Caspians	60,000	\$50	all	82	Oct.	65	April	90 71	Final Div. \$2 1/2. Bonus \$4.00 making \$11 for year 31/12/16. Paid 27/3/17. Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.4.16 Tls. 5 for 1916. Paid 12/3/17.
b. \$121 1/2	Docks Wharves, Godowns, & C.	60,000	\$50	all	90	Oct.	56	Mar.	135 78 1/2	
n. \$190	H.K. & W.D. Co. Ltd.	60,000	\$100	all	63 1/2	Sept.	49	July	92 1/2 59	
n. \$178	'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$100	all	100	Dec.	80	April	93 74	
n. \$102	'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$100	all	100	Dec.	80	April	93 74	
n. \$195	Lands, Hotels and Buildings.	20,000	\$50	all	124	Feb.	108	Dec.	118 102	
b. \$625	H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	114	Jan.	103 1/2	Dec.	108 1/2 91	\$3 for 1 1/2 year ending 31.12.16 Paid 17/3/17.
n. \$33	H'kong Land Investment Co.	150,000	\$10	all	7 1/2	Jan.	6	July	7.10 6.25	Final Div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/1/17.
n. \$180	H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	80	44	Jan.	40	Sept.	38 38	50 cents for 1916. Paid 12/2/17. \$2 for 1916. Paid 10/2/17.
b. & sa. \$75	T'oon Land & B'ing Co., Ltd.	74,000	\$50	all	67	Mar.	107	Dec.	107 80	Final Div. of 6% making 12% for 1916. Paid 14/3/17.
b. \$95	Shanghai Lands.	12,500	\$50	all	68 1/2	Mar.	77	Dec.	90 69	
n. \$147 1/2	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	103	Dec.	99	Jan.	103 93	Final Div. of \$1.25 making \$1.25 for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/1/17. \$7.50 for year ending 31/12/16 Paid 29/1/17.
n. \$13	H'kong Central Estates.	20,000	\$50	all	150	July	117	Jan.	167 130	Tls. 0.90 for year ending 30/11/16
n. \$117	Cotton Mills.	75,000	\$10	all	164	July	11 1/2	Feb.	164 11 1/2	Tls. 1.50 for year ending 30/11/16
n. \$117	Two Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	all	100	May.	77	Jan.	125 81	Tls. 1.12 for 1915
n. \$15	Tung Yik	40,000	\$50	all	61	Oct.	63 1/2	Dec.	61 43 1/2	Dividend of Tls. 6 for year ending 30.6.16 paid 29/9/16
n. \$18	'sau Kung Mow	175,000	\$5	all	11 1/2	Apr.	9 1/2	May	10.35 8.00	7% a/c Pref. for 14 Months ending Dec. 1915
n. \$18	Yangtze Paper Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	3.65	Mar.	4.95	Oct.	4.90 4.30	72 cents for 1915
n. \$18	China Borneo Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	7 1/2	Jan.	10.15	Oct.	10.10 8.10	6% for year ending 28. 2.08
n. \$18	China Light Power Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	35	Jan.	29	Dec.	41 23	70 cts. for 1916. Paid 23/2/17.
n. \$18	China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	11.20	Oct.	5.20	Jan.	12.10 8.00	\$3 for year ending 31/7/16 paid 31/10/16.
n. \$18	Sairy Farm Company, Ltd.	400,000	\$7 1/2	all	45	Oct.	36 1/2	Feb.	55 43	80 cts. for 1916. 27/3/17.
n. \$18	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	190	Dec.	183	Oct.	190 151	\$2.25 for 1916 29/2/16.
n. \$151	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	6,500	\$25	all	34 1/2	Dec.	25	Jan.	41 29	Fin. Div. \$9 making \$11 for year 1916. 29/3/17.
n. \$29	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	6	Oct.	5	Apr.	7.50 5 1/2	Final Div. \$1 Bonus \$1. making \$3 for 1916. Paid 10/3/17.
n. \$740	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/-	all	43 1/2	May	35	Mar.	40 1/2 17	Int. Div. 7 1/2 at 2 1/4 = 16.7 Fin. "23 1/2" 44 = 48. making 64.7 cts. for 1916. Pending.
n. \$120	Langkats	250,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Mar.	9.30	June	10.25 9 1/2	Tls. 1. for 1916. Pending.
n. \$980	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	1.00	Mar.	80	June	1.00 60 cts.	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.16
n. \$1	Do (New)	50,000	\$10	all	4.25	Jan.	3	June	3.80 3 1/2	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.16
n. \$31	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	18	Jan.	16	Dec.	17 14	\$1.25, per share for year ending 31.12.16. Paid 5/2/17.
sa. \$16 1/2	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$10	all	7.10	Mar.	6.50	Oct.	7.70 6	70 cts. for 1915
n. \$6	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	6	Aug.	6	Dec.	7 1/2 5 1/2	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14
b. \$29	William Powell, Limited.	11,000	\$7	all	28		28		29 28	\$2 for 1915
n. \$10	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	10		10		10 9 1/2	
n. \$10	H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	7,808	\$10	all						

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS." THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

5th April, 1917.

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:

Chinese... 20 cts. pieces 6 1/2% dis.

Chinese... 10 " 6 1/2% dis.

Hongkong 10 cts. pieces par.

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TELEGRAMS.

[Sender's Service to the "Telegraph"]

THURSDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA'S WAR DECISION.

Washington, April 4.
The speeches in the Senate on the war motion, were characterized by the resoluteness of the utterances in support of it.

London, April 4.
The entire Entente press hailed as an event of epoch-making significance President Wilson's decision and agrees that the speech will go down in history as a most memorable utterance.

The Paris *Figaro* says that today marks the moment when the whole world grasps the fact that it is impossible to live freely on earth side by side with Germany and her powerful army.

The *Guadiana* says President Wilson's decision is over-whelming for the enemy and most significant for those who are defending the cause of freedom.

The *Matin* refers to President Wilson as a great citizen and a thorough statesman who, despite snares and obstacles, has succeeded in bringing one hundred millions of free citizens to cast their goods and their persons into the fray for the triumph of right against absolutism and militarism.

The *Petit Parisien* says that America joining the war on the morrow of the Russian revolution is the final warning to the German people, if indeed the latter are capable of understanding this mighty double lesson.

London, April 4.
Reuter's is informed that the United States will probably make a free gift of possibly one hundred millions sterling to France to be considered as repayment of the financial assistance by France in the American revolution.

FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

London, April 4.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that the Russian Government had not said anything to Great Britain regarding a statement by the Russian Minister of Justice that Russia would be content with the internationalisation of Constantinople.

INDENTURED INDIAN LABOUR.

London, April 4.
The Viceroy of India has informed Mr. Chamberlain that he and the Government of India wish that the indentured system of recruitment of labour for the Colonies should not be resumed.

DEATH OF LORD ALLERTON.

London, April 4.
The death is announced of Lord Allerton, chairman of the Great Northern Railway Co., at the age of 77. He was M.P. for Leeds N. from 1880 to 1902 and was on two occasions Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and once Chief Secretary for Ireland. The Hon. George H. Jackson is his heir.

NOTICES.

FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS
THE THERAPION
[Text about the Therapion medicine]

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. Solomon Sassoon Benjamin in our Firm in Hongkong ceased on the 31st day of March 1917.

Mr. Patrick Cumming Hutton F.R.S. and Mr. Herbert Richard Budd Hancock have this day been admitted partners in our Firm in Hongkong.
BENJAMIN & POTTS.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1917.

BANKS.

BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum.

For 6 Months 4% per annum.

For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum.

LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

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